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Subject: Western Oregon Plan Review.

Dear Federal Land Managers;

The following are my concerns regarding what I consider to be insufficient long range health, protection and sustainability of Western Oregon's land listed in this Land Review.

- The proposed Plan does not contain a balance of management options for the protection of fish, wildlife, timber, soils and other natural resource features.
- Logging practices should not include the clear-cutting of an area. Fish and wildlife habitat should be retained by limiting logging practices to selective cutting and forest thinning. Native vegetation and tree removal should not be permitted within 50 feet of any fish bearing water. This buffer zone will reduce sediments entering the water as well as contribute to lower water temperatures.
- The heritage and legacy of hunting and fishing is priceless. This heritage and legacy must be protected and preserved for all future generations.
- Hunting, fishing, hiking and other outdoor forms of recreation generate vast economic resources. These economic resources are especially important to the livelihood of rural communities.
- Low elevation forests of oak savannas, brush, alder, maple, manzanita and other hard wood species should not be replaced with conifer species of trees. A diverse plant community is important for a diverse species of wildlife.
- The construction of new roads must be held to the minimum for the protection of wildlife, the reduction of environmental pollution and reduced road maintenance costs.
- Off road travel by motorized vehicles must be prohibited for the protection and security of soils, vegetation, wildlife and fish. Land management agencies must make a comprehensive review of the greatly increased use and environmental abuse occurring on the public's land. The control of this use and abuse is a large issue and reasonable controls are long overdue.
- The areas that you call, "Areas of Critical Environmental Concern" should receive a high degree of protection rather than being eliminated as you have indicated for some of them. Land management agencies and the public have a moral obligation to preserve these critical areas for all future generations.

Please do not adopt your preferred alternative, Alternative 2, and adopt the no action alternative because Alternate 2 will not provide adequate, responsible management of the natural resources entrusted to the care of the Bureau of Land Management.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your proposed "Western Oregon Plan Revisions".

Sincerely,

Charles W. Woosley